BARNES et al. Appl. No. 10/648,349 November 12, 2003

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The above minor amendments to page 9 of the specification and to Figures 5 and 8 have been made in order to place the application in better condition for examination.

Early action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By:

Michael J. Keenar Reg. No. 32,106

MJK:ljb

1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor

Arlington, VA 22201-4714 Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100

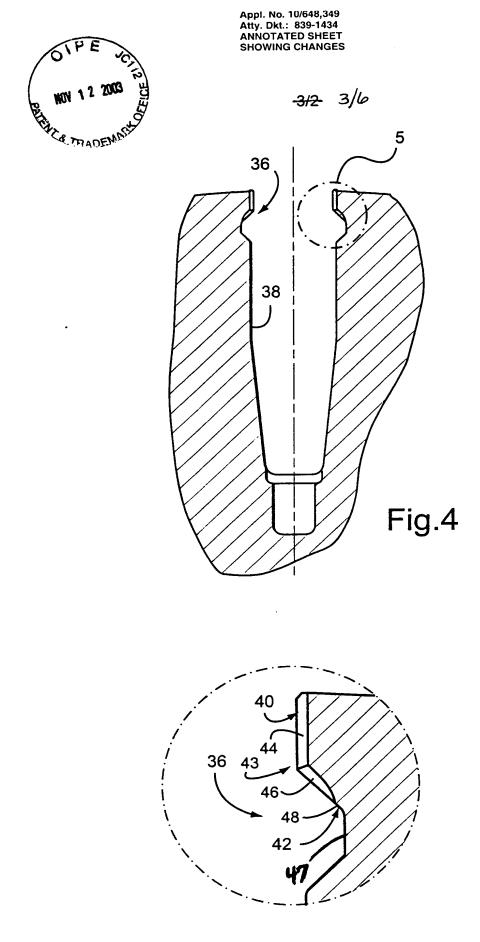
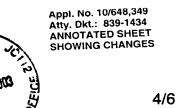
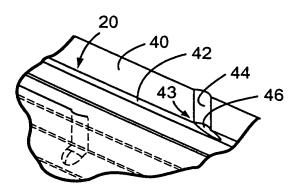


Fig.5





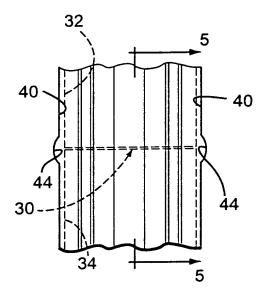


Fig.6

Fig.7

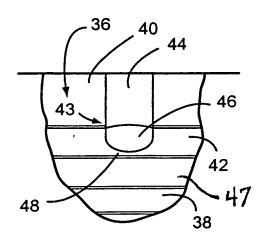


Fig.8